

Former Safety Engineers Ask \$15,000 in Suit

Seven former safety engineers at the Kankakee Ordnance Works today filed suit in the Will county circuit court for some \$15,000 in overtime and damages allegedly due them.

Between Oct. 24, 1940, and Sept. 30, 1945, they allege that they worked in excess of 40 hours a week and did not receive compensation at the rate of time and one-half for such work. Theirs was not an administrative or professional capacity at the firm, they allege. It was their duty to make a general safety inspection of the plant for the prevention of dangerous conditions, they charge.

THE ENGINEERS allege that they are entitled to payments varying from \$500 to \$3,000. They do not possess records disclosing the exact numbers of hours in excess of 40 which they worked, it is alleged.

Name as the defendants in the complaint are the U. S. Rubber company and E. I. du Pont de Nemours as operators of the Kankakee Ordnance shell-loading plant. The judgment is being sought under the Fair Labor Standards act.

Represented by the law firm of Krusemark and Krusemark, the seven plaintiffs are: Walter L. Jones, Jr., Helen Saul, George W. Parry, Frances J. Phalen, L. M. Freeman, Roscoe R. Sidell and Henry Kampe.

Altho similar suits have been filed in the district courts in Chicago, this is believed to be action of the kind to be filed in the local court.